

After Action Report (AAR)
Exchange Pricing (EP) IT IPR
18-19 April 2007

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Date/Time: 4/18/07 0900

Location: Vienna, Va.

Invitees: ASA (FM&C), AMC G3 EI, AMC G8, DA G4, SARSS, Middleware, Funds Control, LMP, CCSS, GCSS-A, LIW and Army Commands (ACOM), Army Service Component Commands (ASCC), and Direct Reporting Units (DRU)

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Welcome:

The EP IT IPR was hosted by AT&T, Vienna, VA on 18-19 April 2007. Mr. Jimmie Brazeal, AT&T Requirements Manager, opened the meeting with administrative remarks and provided the full agenda that would be followed. [filename: 01 EP IT IPR 20070418 Welcome.pdf]. Mr. Brazeal stated that the purpose of this IT IPR would be to provide

Army Commands (ACOM), Army Service Component Commands (ASCC), and Direct Reporting Units (DRU) with an update on the Exchange Pricing initiative.

Introduction:

Mrs. Dawn LaFalce, Acting Director of AMC G3 EI, noted that the IT IPR was a vehicle for the Central Design Activities (CDAs) and other activities to provide an update on EP development activities to AMC G3 Enterprise Integration and the participating ACOMs. Mrs. Dawn LaFalce thanked everyone for attending the IT IPR.

Open Action Items:

Mr. Jimmie Brazeal provided an overview of the open Action Items. [filename: 02 EP IT IPR 20070418 Action Items. pdf]. The following Action Items were discussed as indicated:

07/03_75 - Review the need to retain OMA NIIN table in SSF MW and logic to apply OMA DODAAC for MCN, part numbered transactions (OMA DODAAC overlay) Will catalog ABA of other than "2" keep transaction out of AWCF Financial.

Action: Close as an EP Item. AMC G3 (Ms. LaFalce) will take the item as a capitalization issue and will track this item. AI CLOSED.

07/03_76 - Review procedures to process initial issues such as PLL. Since PLL initial issues are non-recurring, there will be no matching turn-ins, so a Delta Bill will result. Delta Bills in that case creates the wrong impression that a unit failed to make the appropriate turn in. Action was assigned to the EP integration team during the March IT IPR. After much discussion the following action was noted:

Action: Mr. Thurston (DA G4) requested that the EP integration team conduct analysis of most recent two year period of reparable request to determine percentage of those that were for non-recurring items. Based on analysis an updated EPIP may be required to ensure that replacement EP items are billed at EP value and initial request for EP items are billed at SP.

Open Issues: EP Integration team to conduct analysis of requisitions and report findings to AMC G3 EI.

07/03_77 - Review the need to change unit level systems (ULLS/SAMS) catalog process to include EP values. (For reporting, not necessarily needed for transaction processing)

Action: CASCOM (Mr. Oldaker) indicated in email traffic that software is not projected to be enhanced for EP related values. Other systems such as LIW/LAP and FCM will contain those values. AI CLOSED.

System Requirements:

Mr. Jimmie Brazeal briefed the System Requirements for Exchange Pricing. [filename: 03 EP IT IPR 20070418 Requirements.pdf]. Mr. Brazeal provided an overview of the System Requirements by CDA for EP. There are currently 8 Business Rules, 44 Implementing Procedures and 67 System requirements. Mr. Brazeal said GCSS-Army currently has no requirements identified. Mr. Brazeal stated that discussions with GCSS-Army are ongoing. He said they have been provided the EPBRs and systems requirements.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: None

EP Business Rules/Implementing Procedures Update:

Mr. Doug Blake, AT&T Project Manager for Exchange Pricing, provided a status update concerning the Exchange Pricing Program. [filename: 04 EP IT IPR 20070418 EP Update.pdf]. Mr. Blake said a Strategic Communications plan is being implemented. He said this is being incorporated so that the largest audience can be identified and addressed. The plan will include GO/SES visits to the field, Command presentations and workshops, web based information and training modules. Mr. Blake said ASA FM&C is looking into opportunities to present the EP brief to the finance community as well. He will provide AMC G3 with a list of planned actions. He also stated that Business Rules approved 19 Jan 07, are benchmarked and as such, they are not intended to be changed during development/test efforts. Mr. Blake said there may be additional BRIPs issues that will be applied in a Software Change Package (SCP) package at a later date.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: None

Arbitration Process:

Mr. Joe Bennett, AT&T Exchange Pricing Team, provided an overview concerning the Arbitration Process. [filename: 05 EP IT IPR 20070418 Arbitration Briefing .pdf]. Mr. Bennett stated that arbitration occurs today in various situations such as credit discrepancies. In the future EP environment, there are at least three possible discrepancies. They are; erroneous billing (delta bill errors), catalog out of sync conditions and start/stop disagreements (when did clock start vice when it should have started). The EP integration team is authoring a White Paper concerning Arbitration. It is anticipated that the current arbitration process is probably adequate and the White Paper will serve as the basis for formally documentation the process. Mr. Steve Allenbach, ASA FM&C, confirmed this by saying that in the last five years no issues have risen to

the ASA FM&C level for arbitration decisions. The paper being written will be submitted to AMC E3 EI for review and coordinate with DA G4 Policy. This document will address arbitration in general and not EP in particular. Discussion occurred concerning recording the initial obligation as either EP or SP. Mr. Bob Kiebler, USAREUR G4, referenced AR 37-1, Chapter 13 stating that when an obligation is recorded it should be recorded for the dollar value known at that time.

CCSS/LMP Update:

Mr. Andre Harmon, representative for LAISO, briefed the status of CSC and LMP. [filename: 06 EP IT IPR 20070418 CCSS-LMP.pdf]. Mr. Harmon noted that CSC is scheduled to provide cost estimations by 7 May 07 to AMC. Mr. Harmon noted as a result of other programming efforts, there has been no programming progress in EP since the last IT IPR. Mr. Doug Hone stated he would inform AMC Leadership that the Apr 08 implementation is unlikely given he current LAISO brief schedule.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: None

PO LIS (SARSS) Update:

Mr. Ron Fox, representative for PD TLS, provided an update on the EP requirements assigned to SARSS [filename: 07 EP IT IPR 20070418 SARSS Update .pdf]. Mr. Fox stated that he had been assigned another requirement at the SITWG for a new report. Report will be provided pre-conversion to provide data in advance reflecting the affect of conversion changing from SP to EP for designated items. Mr. Fox stated there will be another ECP written to generate reports for EP stock numbers including back orders on dedicated items. Mr. Robert Thurston stated that a need exists that cleans up as much "bad paper" as possible before EP Implementation. Bad Paper was further explained as mismatches between SARSS and National on backorders as well as issues to turn-ins on reparable items. Both Mr. Hone and Mr. Blake stated that, although a valid concern for the Army, this is not a current EP requirement. Mr. Fox stated there is an ongoing effort lead by HQDA DCS G4 concerning overage due-ins. That is probably the appropriate forum for this action.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: None

MW Update:

Mr. Barry Amos, AT&T Middleware, provided an update on the EP requirements assigned to MW [filename: 08 EP IT IPR 20070418 MW Update.pdf]. Mr. Amos stated there are no Action Items assigned and no issues to date. MW has a total of 14 System Requirements supporting Exchange Pricing. Mr. Amos stated the scope still remains the

same. However, he noted by the next IPR there will be new CR's written and some existing CR's cancelled as a result of new functional guidance discussed during the SITWG.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: None

FCM Update/ EP Conversion:

Mr. John Franks, AT&T-Ingenuity, Funds Control, provided a status update of the Funds Control effort and EP conversion. [filename: 09 IT IPR 20070418 FCM Conversion .pdf]. Mr. Franks stated that during this conversion effort, there will be no Brown Out period. He stated that an email will be sent and also it will be placed on the Web which describes the conversion concept. Although an exact date has not been identified yet, conversion should happen seven days, plus or minus, from the end of the month. Mr. Franks briefed new report requirements for FCM, SARSS and MW as discussed at the conversion workshop in St. Louis. CDAs will do a final review of the SOE before it is sent to the field for staffing. Mr. Franks said FC Team will provide the final draft SOE document to PM EP in order to initiate staffing to the field. The SOE will be sent to the Commands as well as posted to SSF Website once approved by Mr. Blake. Mr. Brazeal stated that an apparent disconnect exists between MW, SARSS and FCM on what is being reported and by which system. He recommended an offline meeting to discuss and lock in the requirement.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: AT&T hosts a requirements meeting on conversion reporting.

EP Tracking Update:

Mr. Jim Bosse, AT&T-Militek EP Tracking Module Developer, provided an update on the EP Tracking capability. [filename: 10 EP IT IPR 20070418 Tracking Update.pdf]. Mr. Bosse stated that some logic must be programmed in tracking to support arbitration. He also stated the tracking processing screens will be available for viewing at the next IPR. Mr. Robert Thurston stated that units in the SWA Theater should participate in EP Tracking as well. Customers in theater will not receive Delta Bills, but the information would be available to analyze the impact of how the theater is doing business concerning requisitioning and turn in of reparable items. The theater report will help to analyze the "what ifs." Mr. Thurston has action to submit a request for a business rule to accommodate this action.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: DA G4 to request BR change to include non-EP customers in tracking of issues to turn in of EP type items.

SITWG/SIT Update:

Mr. John Curd, AT&T Lead for Software, Testing and Development (SDT), provided a SITWG/SIT update. [filename: 11 EP IT IPR 20070418 SITWG Update.pdf] Mr. Curd stated he was very pleased with SITWG participation to date. Mr. Doug Blake added it would be very beneficial if we can maintain the continuity of personnel attending the SITWG for the SIT as much as possible. Mr. Bob Kiebler stated that because of the length of the SIT this would be too great of a challenge. USAEUR would have to resort to changing out representatives on a weekly or biweekly basis. Mr. Doug Hone responding to one of Mr. Curd's charts stated that we do not plan "command unique" test cases. He stated that test cases ought to be based on current policy and regulations. Mr. Hone asked if the planned SITWG 7-11 May still required given the LASIO brief earlier. Consensus was that this SITWG is still required and is the last scheduled SITWG before the SIT RR.

Action Items: None

Open Issues: None

ACOM/ASCC/DRU Discussion:

Mr. Brazeal provided time for each of the Army Commands (ACOM), Army Service Component Commands (ASCC), and Direct Reporting Units (DRU) to address any issues or concerns.

Comments were as follows:

- Mr. Bob Kiebler (USAREUR) stated there must be a method of cleaning up tracking as a result of a SDR, QDR, and QIF or other arbitration matters. Mr. Blake (PM EP) stated that this is already being considered under programming for EP Tracking.
- Mr. Robert Thurston (DA G4) requested a list of all EP NIINs. Mr. Blake (PM EP) has the actions to provide him the NIINs. He request this in an effort to get an idea of what type of "bad paper" maybe out there "EP related" and also "non-EP related."
- Mr. Robert Thurston asked is there a means to maintain visibility of an issue that has been assessed a delta bill for not meeting Delta Delay days. The answer from Mr. Jim Bosse (EP Tracking) was "yes" however there is no plan to use that data. This data is available within EP Tracking, but presently there is not a plan to produce a report from this information. Mr. Doug Blake (PM EP) stated reports will be reviewed.
- Mr. Robert Thurston reiterated that something must be mentioned in the business rules concerning call-ins. Mr. Doug Hone stated that we must assess what is the "Bang-for-the-Buck" in a possible programming for call-ins. Mr. Thurston will initiate action to change or add a business rule that addresses both call-ins as well as other non-logistics STAMIS requisitions such as web mall. His view is that non-logistics STAMIS generated request ought to be billed at standard price.

- ❑ Mr. Robert Thurston asked does EP consider AOG in a similar fashion that is done in the Aviation Community. The answer was “no.” Mr. Thurston stated that if the Aviation community is to continue with AOG, DA G4 will look into some type of standard policy that accommodates this.
- ❑ Mr. Robert Thurston asked that test cases be developed that addresses SARSS local purchase based on acquisition advice codes. Develop a test case that initiates guidance from National to use “local purchase” as a means to secure a requisitioned item. Mr. John Curd (SIT Lead) stated that local purchase test cases are developed, but none that address such guidance from National. Further, he would ensure that new test case was established to test this functionality.
- ❑ Mr. William Palfey (NGB) asked when a draft of a call-in business rule will be staffed. Response was that analysis work is still required. It is known that National level’s position is that call-ins will currently be billed at SP. Mr. Thurston position is that call-ins should not be permitted and units should use the funded Army STAMIS system. Mr. Bob Kiebler’s stated that one possible COA is that LCMC should not accept call-ins. AMC G3 EI/AT&T Implementation team will look at call-ins and craft recommendations for AMC G3 EI.
- ❑ Mr. Bob Kiebler asked, if EP Implementation should slip would capitalization of DS/RX still take place on 1 Apr 08. Mr. Hone stated that alternatives are being reviewed.
- ❑ Mr. Robert Thurston asked if EP Implementation should slip will there be a consideration of “One-for-One Tracking” concerning SEPR as a part of implementation. Mr. Blake and Mrs. Dawn LaFalce stated that would be reviewed.

Wrap up:

Mr. Jimmie Brazeal provided a wrap-up of the IPR Actions Items. [filename: 12 EP IT IPR 20070419 Wrap-up.pdf]. No Action Items were opened during the IPR. Mr. Brazeal briefed that AMC G3 EI; Mrs. Dawn LaFalce had determined that the May IT IPR will most likely be held via VTC. He said an agenda and date will be published later. He also reiterated that IPR briefing charts are available for download at <http://www.ssf.army.mil>.

Open Issues – working issues captured were;

AT&T hosts a requirements meeting on conversion reporting.

DA G4 to request BR change to include non-EP customers in tracking of issues to turn in of EP type items.

Closing:

The April 07 IT IPR ended with Mrs. Dawn LaFalce thanking all who participated. Forty six personnel representing AMC G3 EI, ASA (FM&C), HQDA, PD LIS, CCSS-LMP, FORSCOM, USAREUR, NGB, DFAS, CASCOM, EUSA, USARC, LAISO, TACOM-Warren and Army Sustainment Command attended the April 07 EP IT IPR. The next scheduled EP IT IPR will be a VTC with a date and agenda to be provided soonest.

Appendix A. Attendees

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